House Resolution No. 1774

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of "Outstanding Missourian" through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Gale and Karen Culler of the Show Me Christian Youth Home have attained considerable distinction for their compassionate leadership in the care of abandoned, abused, and neglected children; and

Whereas, on Thursday, April 22, 2004, Gale and Karen Culler will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role they have performed in Missouri as community and spiritual leaders; and

Whereas, married on June 6, 1965, Gale and Karen Culler were introduced to full-time Christian ministry when they served at the East Tennessee Christian Home for Children in Elizabethton, Tennessee, beginning on October 19, 1975; and

Whereas, on October 30, 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Culler returned to their native Missouri to take on the responsibility of running and improving Show Me Christian Youth Home facilities which at the time cared for only six children; and

Whereas, seventy-six children are now under the care of Show Me Christian Youth Home which currently includes ten family units in five locations across central Missouri; and

Whereas, although health problems prevent an active, hands-on approach to leading Show Me Christian Youth Home programs, Gale Culler and his beloved wife, Karen, can proudly and fondly look back over the past three decades and the seven hundred children whom they have helped to overcome traumas in life and to become fully-functioning citizens and loving family members in their own right:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Gale and Karen Culler as "Outstanding Missourians" and to extend to them this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 22, 2004, for special recognition as guests in the House Chamber; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of "Outstanding Missourians" Gale and Karen Culler.

Offered by

Representative Todd Smith
District No. 118

Joined by the Entire House Membership

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1774, adopted April 15, 2004.